

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:
a tibia base plate comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said tibia base plate;
an insert comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said insert, said insert adapted to be positioned above said base plate; and
at least one removable pin, wherein, when installed, a first portion of said pin is configured to engage an opening formed in ~~a-perimeter~~ said outer perimeter side surface of said base plate and a second portion of said pin is configured to engage an opening formed in ~~a-perimeter~~ said outer perimeter side surface of said insert to thereby prevent relative rotation between said insert and said base plate.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said base plate is comprised of a metal.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said insert is comprised of a non-metallic material.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said pin is secured in an opening in said base plate by at least one of a press-fit connection, a threaded connection, and a sintered connection.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has an outer surface that is substantially flush with said outer perimeter side surface of one of said base plate and said insert.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said openings in said tibia base plate and said insert are formed on anterior portions of said outer perimeter side surfaces of said base plate and said insert, respectively.

11. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has at least one of a circular, rectangular and square cross-sectional configuration.

12. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has a smooth exterior surface.

13. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said pin has at least one projection formed on an exterior surface of said pin.

14. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said pin is comprised of a metal.

15. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

a tibia base plate comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said tibia base plate;

an insert comprising an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer perimeter side surface extending between said upper surface and said lower surface of said insert, said insert adapted to be positioned above said base plate; and

a removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate, wherein, when installed, a first portion of said removable means is configured to engage an opening formed in ~~a perimeter~~ said outer perimeter side surface of said base plate and a second portion of said removable means is configured to engage an opening formed in ~~a perimeter~~ said outer perimeter side surface of said insert to thereby prevent relative rotation between said insert and said base plate.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate comprises a removable pin.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said base plate is comprised of a metal.

19. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said insert is comprised of a non-metallic material.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate has an outer surface that is substantially flush with ~~a perimeter~~ said outer perimeter side surface of one of said base plate and said insert.

22. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate is secured in an opening in said base plate by at least one of a press-fit connection, a threaded connection, and a sintered connection.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein said openings in said tibia base plate and said insert are formed on anterior portions of said outer perimeter side surfaces of said base plate and said insert, respectively.

25. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate has at least one of a circular, rectangular and square cross-sectional configuration.

26. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate has a smooth exterior surface.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate has at least one projection formed on an exterior surface of said removable means.

28. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein said removable means for preventing relative rotation between said insert and said base plate is comprised of a metal.

29.-42. (Canceled)